

REMARKS

Applicants submit the priority application and drawings as originally filed and have made amendments as summarized below.

The Cross-Reference to Related Applications section has been amended to identify the application as a Divisional application, which claims priority from copending U.S. application 09/640,534.

The Abstract section of the application has been amended to conform to the current device claims.

Applicants have amended the originally filed parent application by making the same amendments to the Specification as made in the allowed parent application. In addition, the reference number for the scorching or milling operation described in the specification for Fig. 4b has been corrected from "66" to "67". "66" is not a reference number in that figure.

Applicants have amended the drawings of the originally filed parent application by adding the reference number "69" to FIG. 4b, which is the same amendment as that made in the parent application.

Applicants have amended the originally filed parent application by canceling claims 1 - 11 and 22.

No new matter has been added.

Amendments to Claims

Pending claims 12, 14, and 16 - 21 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention from the prior art cited in the parent case, and are now believed to be allowable as not being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102 and not being obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103.

The support for these amendments is in FIG. 2, 3, and 4a based on *In re Wofensperger*, 302 F.2d 950, 133 USPQ 537 (CCPA 1962), where the Court has held that drawings alone may provide the basis for subsequent amendments to the specification (and thus to the claims) without producing prohibitory new matter.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amended changes. Allowance of claims 12-21 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0374 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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Note: Please see APPENDIX A for the marked up version of FIG. 4b.

APPENDIX A

FIG. 4b with changes in red is on the next page